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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PROPOSES EMERGENCY AID TO LEBANON

REF: EC BRUSSELS 11541

1. COMMISSION OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT THE COMMISSION
DECIDED ON DECEMBER 1 TO RECOMMEND TO THE EC COUNCIL AN
EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM FOR LEBANON. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL,
LEBANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO
ASSIST WITH REFUGEE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION OF BEIRUT.

COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN RECENT
MEETINGS IN GENEVA AND ROME TO CONSIDER AN INTERNATIONAL
RELIEF EFFORT FOR LEBANON. THE SAY THAT THE ROME

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MEETING AGREED TO AN IMMEDIATE AMOUNT OF AID FOR LEBANON

AND THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL WILL COVER THE GAP WHICH OTHER DONORS HAD NOT AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL:

A. CASH CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS OF 400,000 U.A. (ABOUT \$440,000) FOR PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES SUCH AS MEDICINES, BLANKETS AND CLOTHING; AND

B. FOODSTUFFS -45,050 MT OF WHEAT; 2,840 MT OF BUTTER-OIL; AND 4,120 MT OF VITAMINIZED SKIMMED MILK POWDER (SMP). THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE IRC: 7,550 MT OF WHEAT; 1,600 MT OF BUTTEROIL; AND 800 MT OF SMP. THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM: 12,500 MT OF WHEAT; 470 MT OF SMP; AND THROUGH CARITAS: 575 BT OF SMP. THE EC WILL SHIP THE REMAINING BALANCES OF THESE FOOD STUFFS DIRECTLY TO LEBANON ONCE IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE GOL CAN HANDLE THE SHIPMENTS AND IT NEEDS THEM. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT THIS AID, ALONG WITH OTHER DONORS' CONTRIBUTIONS, SHOULD MEET LEBANON'S ESTIMATED RELIEF NEEDS THROUGH MARCH 31, 1977.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS; THEY EXPECT THE COUNCIL TO ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY ON THE PROPOSAL. HINTON

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